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SUBJECT: WILSON FERREIRA'S TAPE BRINGS ARRESTS

1. A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF LEON MORELLI, SON-IN-LAW OF WILSON FERREIRA ALDUNATE, TOLD AN EMBOFF THAT MORELLI AND HORACIO TERRA (BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN A DEPUTY SOME YEARS AGO) HAD BEEN ARRESTED ON AUGUST 31. ARREST BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN FOR POSSESSION OF A CASSETTE RECORDING WHICH FERREIRA HAD SENT TO HIS FOLLOWERS SOME TIME BEFORE. SAME SOURCE INDICATED THAT MORELLI HAD BEEN TAKEN BEFORE A MILITARY JUDGE WHO HAD ORDERED HIS RELEASE BUT THAT RELEASE HAD NOT BEEN AFFECTED BY EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 2.
2. EMBOFFS LISTENED TO COPY OF TAPE GIVEN US BY ONE OF FERREIRA'S FOLLOWERS. MINDEF RAVENNA, IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, SPOKE OF TAPE AS IF IT WERE COMMON KNOWLEDGE - WHICH IT ALMOST IS.
3. FERREIRA, IN THE TAPE, DEFENDS HIS ACTIONS IN THE U.S., EXPLAINS SOME OF HIS STATEMENTS (AS ON ANTI-SEMITISM IN URUGUAY) AND ADVISES FOLLOWERS ON TACTICS - SUCH AS NOT NEGOTIATING ANY SHORT-TERM SOLUTIONS WITH THE GOU BECAUSE THE FUTURE IS IN PARTY, NOT GOU, HANDS. THE ONLY CHARGE IN THE TAPE DIRECTED SPECIFICALLY AGAINST AN INDIVIDUAL IS A REMARK FERREIRA MAKES ABOUT THE SUB-SECRETARY OF INTERIOR HAVING CONVINCED ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES THAT CERTAIN URUGUAYANS IN ARGENTINA ARE TUPAMAROS OR OTHER SUBVERSIVES

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AND THUS MARKING THEM FOR DEATH. SEARCH FOR TAPES (AND THIS

CONJECTURE) COULD HAVE BEEN TOUCHED OFF BY THE THEN SUB-SECRETARY,
LUIS VARGAS, WHO ON SEPTEMBER 1 BECAME SECRETARY OF THE PRESIDENCY.
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